

Connecting words

We use connecting words and phrases to link ideas in different ways.

And and *furthermore* are linkers used to add more information.

We cooked and served the food. Furthermore, we cleaned everything after dinner.

But, although, however and *on one hand... on the other hand* are used to connect contrasting ideas.

He's very nice although he's serious.

So, therefore and *as a result* are used to state consequences.

I had a headache so I went to bed early.

Task 1: Underline the best option to complete each sentence.

1. My sister cut her hand while cooking, *so / although* we took her to the doctor's.
2. The doctor said that *although / therefore* there was a lot of blood, it wasn't serious.
3. He's my favorite doctor. *On the one hand / however* he is kind and polite, *on the other / as a result* he is very professional.

Task 2: Rewrite the following sentences using the connectors in parenthesis.

1. Isabel apologized several times. Nevertheless, Paula wouldn't speak to her. (but)
_____.
2. You're late again. Furthermore, you haven't brought your books. (and)
_____.
3. On the one hand, I'd love to come. On the other hand, I really don't have the time. (However)
_____.
4. Roger works very hard to help his parents. He's also a good student. (In addition)
_____.